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1. In accordance with your request, I am setting forth some of the recent activities of this Board which may be of interest to the director of OSS.

2. In the last week two cables have been received requesting that additional copies of JANIS be dispatched by air to the Pacific Theater. The commanding general in Hawaii requested approximately 35 copies of JANIS 87, Formosa, and Admiral Nimitz requested for JICPOA 100 copies each of JANIS 155, Celebes Sea, and 154, Philippines. Only OSS had a sufficient reserve supply on hand and consequently furnished the bulk of the copies to the Army and Navy to meet the request. *Cable requests now in base and I appeal to 2500*

3. The Office of Strategic Services has contributed materially to the Board, not only by preparing text for four of the fourteen chapters (Chapters on: Transportation and Communications, Cities and Towns, Resources and Trade, and People and Government), but also through the excellent work of the Map Division and the Reproduction Branch. In addition to producing maps for these assigned chapters, this division and branch have aided in the production of other maps in the studies. Services of OSS has also helped greatly through prompt dispatch of trucks to pick up JANIS material at Philadelphia and other points. This excellent work has been commented upon favorably by the S-2, A-2 and ONI members of the Board, and was the subject of a voluntary letter of commendation sent on 7 June to the Director of OSS.

4. I should also like to commend the superior work of the seven OSS staff members assigned to the Board. Their efficient and intelligent application to duty has set an excellent example, and has greatly aided the OSS Board member.

5. A new basic directive, adding a member from the Corps of Engineers and reestablishing the Board as a subordinate agency of the Joint Intelligence Committee, was recently approved by that Committee.

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6. At present, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] are visiting the Board and within a week it is expected that a working team of three qualified [REDACTED] editors will arrive in Washington to work on our staff.

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7. In general, the basic problem of the Board has been to produce joint intelligence studies of high quality in a short time. In this process, we have had to compromise with perfection, but it is believed that reasonable standards of excellence, within the time limits set by the fast-developing Pacific war, have been achieved. It is anticipated that the arrival of additional qualified personnel from OSS and [REDACTED] in the near future will enable the Board to improve further the quality of the studies.

8. At present, the Board and its contributors are working on Japan (to be issued in 3 studies), and expect to have the first instalments out by 1 October and the remainder finished before the end of December. Planning, in the form of outlines and base maps, is virtually complete for studies on North China, Kamchatka, and South China.

9. Following is a list of studies completed: (Priority list for studies is obtained through the Joint Topographical Subcommittee).

<u>Study</u>	<u>Completion date</u>
JANIS 28 Bulgaria	December 1943
* 157 Netherlands New Guinea	April 1944
* 104 Caroline Islands	May
* 102 Marianas Islands (2 chapters only)	May
* 103 Palau Islands	May
* 155 Celebes Sea (Mindanao, North Borneo, North Cele- bes, Maluku)	June
* 87 Formosa	July
* 86 ^{Mac} Nampo Shoto (second phase study)	August
* 154 Northern Philippines	August, September

10. In addition, the Board has aided in and directed the preparation of 17 short term studies to meet special requests of JCS committees, and prepares a quarterly bibliography and progress report of topographical studies on the Pacific.

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